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Toronto, October 9th, 1914.

My dear Dr. Falconer,

Enclosed please find letter and  
copy of resolution from the Board of Education of  
Toronto. The subject matter of the resolution seems  
to be one for the consideration of the Governors of the  
University rather than of the Government.

Yours very sincerely,

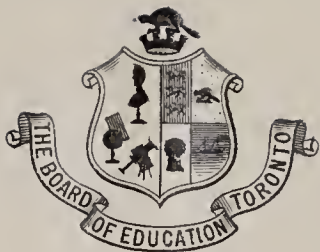
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Dr. R. A. Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

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Toronto, October 5th, 1914.

Hon. Wm. H. Hearst, K.C.,  
Premier of Ontario,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Chairman of the Board of Education of Toronto to forward you herewith copy of resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting held October 1st, 1914.

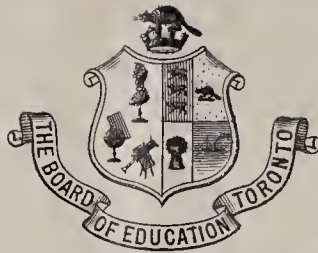
I am, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*William H. Hearst*

Secretary-Treasurer.





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Toronto, October 6th, 1914.

Copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Education, Toronto,  
October 1st, 1914.

" That whereas certain professors of the University of Toronto have complained to this Board of the language used by Principal Hagarty in a recent address to his pupils on the subject of the present war, this Board, after due enquiry and consideration finds as follows:

(1) That Mr. Hagarty did not use unduly strong language in denouncing the barbarism displayed by the Germans in this war but that on the contrary he did only his plain duty in explaining to his pupils the causes of the war and condemning the atrocious manner of carrying it on.

(2) That as Members of this Board of Education, holding, as we do, industrious, law-abiding Germans in this city in the highest esteem, nevertheless, we are of the opinion that the action of Professor Mueller, Professor Squair and others in making this attack upon Mr. Hagarty was unjustifiable and calls for the severest censure and we commend Mr. Hagarty for his teaching of the principles of loyalty and devotion to our Empire and its interests, in our schools.

The Board believes it is the duty of the Provincial Government and the Governors of the University of Toronto to enquire into the conduct of these professors and to require them to retract publicly the language they have used entirely upon hearsay evidence, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Provincial Government and the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto".

October 10th, 1914

Hon. W. H. Hearst,

Premier of Ontario.

Dear Mr. Premier:

Many thanks for your letter enclosing a resolution from the Board of Education of Toronto. This resolution was also presented to the Board of Governors at its last meeting on Thursday. They decided to take no action in the matter. I shall be glad to see you any time privately on the matter if you so desire.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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PRIVATE:

Toronto, October 15th, 1914.

My dear Dr. Falconer,

I have your letter of the 10th instant for which I am obliged, and in reply would say that I will be pleased to see you at any time to discuss the subject mentioned, or any other subject of importance to the University, but I do not know that there is any necessity for further discussion on the subject in question.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. A. Falconer", with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr. R. A. Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

TORONTO :



March 13th, 1915

Hon. M. H. Hearst,

Premier of Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Will you allow me to lay before you by letter the substance of my conversation to you on Thursday morning? Some three years ago Mr. Keele of the Geological Survey, a graduate of the University of Toronto, asked permission to use our laboratories for making investigations in clays for the Dominion Government, which had at that time no laboratories of its own for this purpose. The University gladly gave Mr. Keele the space he required and in return Mr. Keele gave a certain amount of instruction in Ceramics to students in Applied Science. This fitted in admirably with our desire to meet the request of the Clay Workers' Association to provide instruction in Ceramics. They had on several occasions come to the University asking for the extension of our work, and resolutions also appeared before the Government, I believe. Toronto is a particularly good centre for the development of instruction in such an industry. The University has made strong representations to the Department of Mines in Ottawa for the continuance of Mr. Keele's work in Toronto, but this has only been permitted from year to year, the Department taking the position that it desired the work to be done at its own laboratories at Ottawa. We believe, however, that Toronto is a better centre than Ottawa, and by keeping the work here the University will also benefit. To pursue such a policy as this the Dominion Government would only be acting in line with what it has done before in

using the laboratories of McGill and Queen's for various investigations, consequently there would be no departure from principle, and at the same time the claims of the Dominion Clay Workers' Association for instruction would be partly met, and at a time when the finances of the University are such that it is impossible for the Governors to make further expansion in this line. I need hardly call your attention to the fact that this is one of the very few ways in which the Dominion may help education indirectly and repay some of the debt that is due to the Province which by its educational efforts is increasing the revenue of the Dominion.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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OFFICE OF  
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
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Toronto, March 18th, 1915.

Dear Dr. Falconer,

In further reference to our recent conversations and correspondence on the subject of the retention of Mr. Keeley, Clay Specialist, I beg to enclose you herewith copy of letter from the Deputy Minister to Mr. Cochrane. I regret that this letter does not hold out much hope for us accomplishing what we desired.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. A. Falconer", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Dr. R. A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
TORONTO :

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES,

Ottawa, March, 15th, 1915.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane,  
Minister of Railways & Canals,  
Ottawa.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 13th with enclosure from the Hon. Mr. Hearst, Prime Minister of Ontario, relating to the retention of Mr. Keele, clay specialist, in Toronto.

If I had known sooner that the Ontario authorities desired to keep Mr. Keele in Toronto it might have been arranged, but I am afraid it is too late now. The Department is now engaged in fitting up a Ceramic Laboratory in the Sussex St. Mines Building here and all the machinery and other requisites were ordered some time ago and have either arrived or are on the way.

Mr. Keele's work on the clays of Western Ontario will not be curtailed by moving his headquarters to Ottawa. It is the intention to provide him with a good laboratory, give him extra assistance and put him in a position to deal adequately with the important clay industry in the way of both field and laboratory investigations.

The Department is under obligations to Toronto University for allowing Mr. Keele to use their Laboratory but the arrangement was only intended to be a temporary one. Opportunities for co-operation with the University in other lines of investigation will, I have no doubt, occur in the future. At the present time, Dr. Parks of Toronto University is making an investigation of building stones for the Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R. McConnell,

Deputy Minister.

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March 19th, 1915

Hon. M. H. Hearst,

Premier of Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Many thanks for your letter with the enclosure of the copy of one from the Deputy Minister of Mines to Mr. Cochrane. I thank you ~~very much~~ for what you have done with regard to this but regret that there is not much likelihood of our request being carried out.

As to the statement of Mr. McConnell in the second paragraph, probably owing to his recently having entered upon his position he is unaware of the fact that for more than a year we have been endeavouring to secure from the Department of Mines at Ottawa permission to keep Mr. Keele here and to use our laboratory instead of erecting one in Ottawa. The late Deputy Minister, Mr. R. M. Brock was in our favour, but Dr. Haanel of the same department has constantly opposed us, so that the decision is of no recent date. As to the conduct of lines of investigations this was one of the most obvious directions in which we could have been of service to the Government.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



March 17th, 1915.

The Hon. the Premier of Ontario  
Parliament Buildings  
Toronto

Sir:

At a Meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto, held on Friday, March 12th, a communication was read from Dr James Loudon, the representative of the Senate on the Board of the Ontario College of Art. In this communication Dr Loudon states that,- "The reduction in the space formerly occupied by the College amounts to more than 50 per cent, with the result that the Staff is now forced to conduct their work in a few crowded rooms in the west half of the third storey of the building. What this means may be inferred from the fact that there are now 148 students in attendance, divided into the following classes:-

"Elementary.....65	Costume.....25"
Antique.....26	Life.....50
Modelling.....19	Design.....24

Dr Loudon also states that the action of the Government was taken without any notice being given to the College. He requested the Senate to join with other bodies, represented on the Council, in expressing to the Premier and the Minister

of Education its sense of the great value to the Province of the Ontario College of Art, and in urging that this young and struggling Institution, which is filling a most important gap in the educational system of Ontario, should be given adequate space for its work. The Senate unanimously agreed to support Dr Loudon's request, and I was instructed to express to you their strong hope that you will provide larger accommodation for the Ontario College of Art, so that it may continue and even increase the valuable work which it is doing for the Province. This I beg leave most respectfully to do.

Yours very truly,

President.

